HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT

in the

Administrative County of West Suffolk

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the report of the

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1948

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To the Chairman and Members of the

Hadleigh Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year, 1968.

I wish to thank Mr. K.P. Boulton, the Chairman, Mr. T.B.J. Groves, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, also Mr. J.F. Cook, the Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee and all other members of the Hadleigh Urban District Council for their consideration to me.

I am grateful also to Mr. A.R. Carder, Acting Clerk to the Council, Mr. E.A. Panks, the Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector and all other officers of the Council for their help to me during the year.

Your obedient servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1968.

Councillor T.B.J. Groves. (Chairman)

" J.F. Cook. (Vice-Chairman)

" J.I. Ashard.

" S.C. Brown, J.P.

" G.W. Clark.

" Mrs. M. Crabtree, B.Sc. (Econ).

" P.J. Dunn, M.A.

" D.A. Godfrey.

" R.J. Goodwin, M.A.

" K.P. Boulton, J.P.

" D.W.A. Vince.

Councillor K.P. Boulton, J.P., is Chairman of the Hadleigh Urban District Council.

Councillor D.W.A. Vince, is Vice-Chairman.

Clerk to the Council - Mr. W.J. Townsend

Deputy Clerk (Acting Clerk during the latter half of 1968) - Mr. A.R. Carder.

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SECTION A

GENERAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

Area of the District.		4,317 acres.
Rateable Value.	£141,578	(£135,654)
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£589. 18s. 2d.	(£516.0.0d)
Number of inhabited houses.	1,681	(1,621)
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate)	4,780	(4,640)

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	87 (98)	45 (50)	42 (48)
Illegitimate.	- (4)	- (1)	- (3)
Total.	87 (102)	45 (51)	42 (51)

Birth rate per 1,000 estimated resident population (adjusted) (Area Comparability Factor - 1.00)	18.2	(22.0)
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	16.9	(17.2)
Illegitimate birth rate.	Nil.	(3.9%)

Stillbirths.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	3 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total.	3 (-)	1 (-)	2 (-)

Deaths.

Total.	Male.	Female.
64 (58)	33 (32)	31 (26)

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (adjusted) (Area Comparability Factor - 1.02)	13.6	(13.0)
Death rate per 1,000 population (England & Wales)	11.9	(11.2)
Deaths from Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion.	Nil	(1)
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	Nil	(0.98)

Infant Mortality. Number of deaths of infants under one year of age.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Legitimate.	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Illegitimate.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total.	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births.	23.0	(20.0)
Infant Mortality rate England and Wales.	18.0	(18.3)

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar-General's figures)

	Total.	Male.	Female.
All causes	64	33	31
Malignant neoplasm - stomach.	3	2	1
" " lung, bronchus.	4	4	-
" " breast.	3	-	3
Other malignant neoplasms etc.	5	4	1
Diabetes mellitus.	1	-	1
Mental Disorders.	2	-	2
Other diseases of nervous system, etc.	1	-	1
Hypertensive disease.	1	1	-
Ischaemi . heart disease.	17	9	8
Other forms of heart disease.	6	3	3
Cerebrovascular disease.	5	1	4
Other diseases of circulatory system.	3	2	1
Influenza.	2	1	1
Pneumonia.	3	1	2
Bronchitis and emphysema.	1	1	-
Other diseases of digestive system.	2	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	1	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality.	1	1	-
All other accidents.	1	-	1
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries.	1	1	-

S E C T I O N B.

Prevalence and Control over Infectious Diseases.

The following notifications were made to the Medical Officer of Health, During 1968.

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Grand Total.	7 (153)	4 (85)	3 (68)
Scarlet Fever.	4 (-)	3 (-)	1 (-)
Measles.	1 (148)	- (82)	1 (66)
Whooping Cough.	1 (1)	- (1)	1 (-)
Pneumonia (Ac. primary)	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Dysentery.	1 (-)	1 (-)	- (-)
Food Poisoning.	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Erysipelas.	- (1)	- (-)	- (1)
Tuberculosis, respiratory.	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)
Tuberculosis, other.	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

There were no deaths from tuberculosis, during 1968.

SECTION C

1. Public Health Staff.

Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, who also serves other districts.

E.A. Panks, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector.

Mr. J.K. Roper, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., O.N.C. Deputy Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

2. Ambulance Facilities.

The West Suffolk County Council is responsible for the ambulance service.

3. Nursing in the Home.

The West Suffolk County Council's Home Nursing and Midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

4. Child Welfare Centre.

The West Suffolk County Council provides one centre, held weekly on Mondays at 2 p.m., in the Congregational Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh.

The Health Visitor, Miss D. Wilding, who works in Hadleigh and the surrounding rural area, attends weekly. The Medical Officer of Health attends on the first and third Mondays in each month.

5. Laboratory Facilities.

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. P.K. Frazer, has given generous assistance and advice.

Water samples for chemical analysis are submitted to Messrs. Lincolne, Sutton and Wood, Ltd. Clarence House, 6 Clarence Road, Norwich.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47.

Removal of suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection.

No action was taken during 1968.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

West Suffolk Water Board being the Water Undertakers for the district, have again maintained an adequate supply throughout the year. Complaints were again received from some householders of discolouration of water at times and the Water Board Engineer is well aware of this problem and during the course of the year more regular flushing of the mains has been carried out in an attempt to reduce the problem.

Fifteen water samples were taken for bacteriological examination and all were found to be satisfactory.

Sewage Disposal

The Council's Sewage Disposal Works plant has again functioned well, and the remaining eight sludge drying beds were completed. Due to careful use of labour and materials a considerable saving per bed was achieved which enabled work to commence upon the construction of a clarifier in an attempt to improve, even further, the quality of the sewage disposal works final effluent. It is hoped to complete this operation during 1969.

Cleansing Services

Refuse, domestic and trade, is collected by means of the Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic refuse collection vehicle purchased in 1967 and appears to be functioning well.

Tipping of refuse takes place in a privately owned ex-gravel working which has, on occasions been the cause of nuisance due to fires. The tip is now under much greater control and general surveillance and little or no nuisance occurs, other than by the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish by unauthorized users on occasion.

The use of the paper sack system of domestic refuse storage is increasing considerably, and this, it is generally considered, provides for an infinately more hygienic method of storage and subsequent collection.

The increase in the amount of trade refuse does call for the use of extra labour during the course of the week, but this problem is satisfactorily overcome.

Street scavenging was carried out throughout the year, during which several mechanical road sweepers were experimented with, but it was found none were particularly suitable for use within this district and subsequently, manual scavenging continues to be used.

Caravan and Camping Sites

The small number of individual licensed sites were again found to be maintained in a satisfactory manner.

Rodent Control

This service is carried out on a part-time basis by the General Foreman and my assistant and generally success is achieved in the exterminating of rodents throughout the district.

There was no detailed rodent control survey of the district as it become apparant that reported complaints of rodents were always an isolated occurance and not obviously caused by major infestations in the main sewers or large open public spaces. The indiscriminate dumping of rubbish in hedge bottoms, open spaces etc. is often the cause of small, isolated rodent infestations.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS

Work under these Acts proceeded during the year and the following is a record of the routine work carried out:-

(i) Housing Acts

Number of houses inspected for defects	8
Subsequent inspection of those houses	14
Houses rendered fit by informal actions	8
Houses rendered fit by statutory action	-
Houses found to be totally unfit	-
Houses demolished	-
Closing Orders	-
Undertakings not to relet	-
Improvement Grants: Standard	8
Discretionary	3
Stock of Council Owned Dwelling	512
Total number of post war houses	427
Total number of prefabs	-
Total number of prewar houses	85
Total number of dwellingsacquired	-

(ii) Public Health Act 1936

Informal notices issued	3
Informal notices complied with	3
Statutory notices issued	-

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(i) Meat Inspection

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the district and the following animals were slaughtered and inspected -

Cattle	Pigs	Sheep	Lambs
30	68	1	5

The following organs were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption and were subsequently destroyed.

2 ox livers	-	abscesses
5 pig's livers	-	ascaris lumbricoides
2 pig's heads	-	abscesses

There were no occasions which any unsound meat had to be seized etc.

The six butcher's shops in the district were satisfactorily maintained up to the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations and the quality of products retailed were also very satisfactory.

(ii) Other Food Inspections

Regular inspections of food shops have been carried out throughout the year when conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

Registration of Food Premises

No applications were received for registration of food preserving premises.

Number of food preserving premises registered	8
Number of ice cream retailers registered	9

Food Businesses in the District

Butchers	6
Bakery Sales	1
Grocers	10
Greengrocers	3
Fishmongers	3
Fish & Chip Shops	3
Confectioners	4
Catering Premises	10
	40

During the year 71 visits were made to food premises.

Food Condemned

During the year, the following goods were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption and subsequently destroyed:-

5 kilos canned apricots

4 lbs. pork luncheon meat

There was no occasion on which any unsound food had to be seized under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Milk

All milk sold in the Urban District is heat treated and bottled before delivery to the retailers for distribution.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Routine inspections were carried out during the year when the parts of the Factories Act enforced by the Local Authority were relevant. Only minor contraventions were found and were immediately rectified by the management of the premises concerned when their attention was drawn to the matter.

Outworkers

One resident in the district was employed as an outworker. Conditions were satisfactory.

Particulars of Inspections and other work carried out by the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector's Department.

Building Byelaws and Regulations	521
Town and Country Planning Acts	140
Drain Tests	37
Industrial Estate	169
Council House Maintenance and Control	265
Housing Acts	76
Public Health Acts	178
Improvement Grants	187
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Acts	62
Clean Air Act	2
Schools	8
Petroleum Regulations	28
Sewage Works	87
Rodent Control	52
Cemetery	34
Miscellaneous Visits	287
Factories and Workshops	32
Food Premises	71